

Join Us for a Conference and Training on ...

The Educational Implications of Childhood Lead Poisoning

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.*

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

**Room 2-C of the Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford**

***Registration and continental breakfast, 8:15 – 8:50**



Keynote speaker

Dr. Herbert Needleman
University of Pittsburgh School of
Medicine

Dr. Needleman is a researcher and expert
on childhood lead poisoning.

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**Connecticut's Goal:
End Childhood Lead
Poisoning by 2010**

What does this training offer?

This 2006 Health Education Lead Poisoning (HELP) conference offers a medical and educational overview of lead poisoning, including a description of appropriate educational support for children impaired by lead poisoning. (See the reverse side of this sheet for details.) There will be an afternoon strategy session for those providing services to children.

Who should attend?

School administrators, educators, social workers, school psychologists, early childhood educators, parents, health professionals, policy makers.

How do I register?

Register at the website of the Connecticut Commission on Children: www.cga.ct.gov/coc. Seating is limited, so registration is required! Priority will be given to multidisciplinary teams.

What are the participating agencies?

The Connecticut Health Foundation, Connecticut Department of Public Health, Connecticut Department of Education, Connecticut Commission on Children, Foundation for Educational Advancement, State Education Resource Center, and University of Connecticut Healthy Environments for Children Initiative.

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What will I get out of this training?

After attending this event, you'll be able to:

- Recognize lead poisoning as the most serious environmental health issue for children in the U.S.
- Identify the main environmental sources of lead poisoning
- Discuss the major societal and economic issues related to childhood lead poisoning
- Describe the health disparities associated with lead poisoning
- Describe the short-term and long-term effects of lead poisoning on children
- List three housing-related methods of preventing lead poisoning in children
- List four other prevention methods
- Describe the educational impact of lead poisoning and the effects on student learning and behavior
- Describe the short-term and long-term effects of lead poisoning on families
- Cite the number of children in Connecticut identified as lead-poisoned
- State the eligibility requirements for support services related to lead poisoning
- Summarize the appropriate educational support and interventions for children who have been lead poisoned
- Provide recommendations for SDE guidelines for educating children with lead poisoning

What is lead poisoning?

Lead poisoning is considered the No. 1 environmental threat to the health of children in the United States. Lead adversely affects virtually every system of the human body and causes permanent damage to the brain and other parts of the nervous system, lowered IQ, and lifelong learning impairments and behavior problems. Lead poisoning places children at greater risk of dropping out of school and becoming delinquent. In short, it means that hundreds of thousands of children may face significant obstacles to success in school and in life.

Who is affected?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, some 310,000 U.S. children between the ages of 1 and 5 years are lead poisoned. Although lead harms people of every social, economic, racial, and ethnic group, it disproportionately affects poor and minority children. Researchers estimate the financial impact of childhood lead poisoning to be \$43.4 billion annually.

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Remember to register at www.cga.ct.gov/coc